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SCHEMES FOR REHABILITATION AND WELFARE OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for various schemes such as `Rehabilitation and Welfare of Farmers` have not been fully utilized during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilised for various schemes during the above period till date, State and scheme-wise

(c) the reasons for under utilisation of funds allocated;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the performance of Centrally Sponsored Schemes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the guidelines issued by the Government for utilisation of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is not implementing schemessuch as `Rehabilitation and Welfare of Farmers`, however, a number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented by the Department for increasing agricultural production and productivity of crops. Benefit of these Schemes is extended to allcategories of farmers both directly and indirectly.

(d) & (e): The performance of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes is being closely monitoredthrough periodic returns, discussion in Zonal/national Conferences and also through utilisation certificates and progress reports.

(f): State Governments are required to submit utilisation certificates when expenditure isincurred under various Schemes by them through local bodies or private institutions. Where funds are spent directly by the State Governments, guidelines issued in different Schemes from time to time are being followed for releases, adjustments and utilisation of funds.